

City of Northampton
Massachusetts

In City Council May 19, 2016
Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

16.091
AN ORDER

To allow the City of Northampton's Tree Warden,
to accept gifts of tangible personal property with a fair market value of \$25,000 or less

Ordered, that:

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton recognizes the role that public shade trees play in reducing energy use, improving air quality, mitigating storm water, spawning retail activity, and enhancing quality of life;

WHEREAS, the public wishes to supplement the city's efforts by providing donations of trees and tree-related equipment and supplies;

WHEREAS, Massachusetts General Laws C. 44 s.53A1/2 provides that acceptance of gifts of tangible personal property requires a vote of the City Council and approval of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to streamline the process by which gifts up to a certain value may be accepted and placed into service for the community;

Now Therefore Be It Ordered,

The City Council hereby authorizes the City of Northampton's Tree Warden, with the approval of the Mayor, to accept gifts of tangible personal property with a fair market value of \$25,000 or less from the federal government, a charitable foundation, a private corporation or similar statutory entity, individual, or from the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof. The Tree Warden shall use such gifts for the restricted purpose provided by the donor or, if no restriction is attached to the gift, for such other purposes as the Tree Warden deems advisable.